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SUBJECT: FUEL DENSIFICATION

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1. DURING MEETINGS BETWEEN ADMIRAL CASTRO MADERO,
JOSEPH NYE AND CHARLES VAN DOREN, THERE WERE LENGTHY DIS-
CUSSIONS ON QUESTIONS CONCERNING RESEARCH REACTORS, THE
PRESIDENT'S EFFORTS TO CURTAIL USE OF HIGHLY ENRICHED
URANIUM, AND THE USE OF LOWER ENRICHMENTS. FURTHER INFOR-
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MATION WAS PROMISED ON THE SUBJECT OF FUEL DENSIFICATION
WHICH HAS BEEN DEVELOPED IN THE US WHICH SHOULD PERMIT THE
USE OF SUBSTANTIALLY LOWER ENRICHMENT IN MOST RESEARCH
REACTORS. (SEE REFTTEL).

2. SINCE THESE DISCUSSIONS, THE IAEA HAS SCHEDULED A
MEETING ON "RESEARCH REACTOR RENEWAL AND UPGRADING PROGRAMS"

FOR MAY 23 - 26. ARGENTINE ATTENDANCE AT THIS MEETING
WOULD BE EXTREMELY BENEFICIAL FOR BEGINNING THE DIALOGUE
ON FUEL DENSIFICATION SINCE THE KEY US EXPERTS IN THIS AREA
FROM CONCERNED GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, LABORATORIES AND PRI-
VATE FIRMS WILL BE ATTENDING THE MEETING. FOLLOW-UP DIS-
CUSSIONS COULD THEN BEGIN FROM A COMMON BASE FOR A FURTHER

EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION.

3. EMBASSY IS ACCORDINGLY REQUESTED TO SUGGEST TO CASTRO
MADERO THAT BEST MEANS OF BEGINNING DIALOGUE WOULD BE FOR
ONE OR MORE ARGENTINE OFFICIALS TO ATTEND SUBJECT MEETING.
IF ARGENTINE OFFICIALS DO PLAN TO ATTEND, PLEASE INFORM
DEPARTMENT SO THAT WE CAN ARRANGE PRIVATE MEETING WITH
USG REPRESENTATIVES. VANCE

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